1	2	3	4
19.	Tripura	0.11	35
20.	Manipur	0.18	40
21.	Meghalaya	0.05	20
22.	Nagaland	0.01	12
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	19
24.	Mizoram	0.02	21
25.	Others	0.78	245
	All India	199.00	60,143

Irregularities in NDDB

3182. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA :
SHRI LALMUNI CHAUBEY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Agni Pariksha Se Bachta Phir Raha Hai NDDB" appearing in the 'Jansatta', dated June 26, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) On the request of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) the Government of India had conveyed the approval of the President to undertake audit of accounts of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for the financial years 1988-89 to 1995-96 under Section 14(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, 1971. The NDDB subsequently pointed out that its case was covered under Section 15(2) of the said act and, as such, was not liable to audit by CAG. Pending a reference to the Ministry of Law on the subject, the CAG has been requested not to proceed with the audit.

The 30th Annual Report of the NDDB for the year 1995-96 alongwith Review Report was sent to the Secretaries of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 10th April, 1997, for laying on Table of both the Houses. Later the Government felt that the Review Report does not cover all the points. Accordingly, the previous report which was not placed before the House was withdrawn and a fresh review report sent to Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Sectt. on 15.5.97.

Government's views on Operation Flood are included in the Review Report.

Wheat, Rice and Sugarcane Area under Cultivation

3183. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under the cultivation of wheat, rice and sugarcane, at present separately State-wise;

(b) the extent to which more area is likely to be covered under the cultivation of these crops as compared to that of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the area under cultivation of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The statement giving State-wise area under cultivation of wheat, rice and sugarcane for 1996-97 as compared to last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 1994-95 is annexed.

(c) There are no specific measures taken by the Government to increase the area under cultivation of any specific crop. However, in order to increase the productivity and production of these crops, the Government is implementing crop specific development schemes such as Integrated Cereals Development programme in rice and wheat based Cropping System Areas and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System.

Statement

Area under Wheat, Rice and Sugarcane in Years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (Advance Estimates)

(Area in Thousand Hectares)

Sl.No.	State	Wheat			Rice			Sugarcane		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11	9	9	3638	3679	3970	209	214	199
2.	Assam	80	86	100	2451	2503	2557	36	36	36
3.	Bihar	2071	2072	2230	4855	5031	5072	123	124	124
4.	Gujarat	721	506	518	611	570	642	155	162	150
5.	Haryana	1986	1991	2016	795	837	831	120	144	163
6.	Himachal Pradesh	379	379	370	83	83	83	3	3	3
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	239	239	248	271	273	275	NEG	NEG	1
8.	Karnataka	243	219	233	1296	1269	1315	345	313	255
9.	Kerala				503	472	452	6	6	8
10.	Madhya Pradesh	4193	4008	4206	5349	5168	5292	37	51	58
11.	Maharashtra	767	702	799	1538	1517	1476	518	580	513
12.	Orissa	5	4	4	4456	4529	4410	20	30	22
13.	Punjab	3311	3282	3226	2277	2161	2160	83	132	173
14.	Rajasthan	2322	2196	2464	159	140	147	22	28	27
15.	Tamil Nadu				2229	2229	2269	328	314	265
16.	Uttar Pradesh	8995	9052	9151	5577	5576	5549	1839	1974	2014
17.	West Bengal	326	326	350	5773	5953	5390	11	17	25
18.	Others	51	51	50	953	920	921	12	11	13
	All India	25700	25122	25974	42814	42910	42811	3867	4139	4049